

Condolence Motion

Demise of Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar

***Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, I beg to move this resolution:

"This Council places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the sudden and sad demise of Mr. R. Viswanathan Chetty, for some time a member of this Council".

I do not think that I should deliver a long speech for commending this resolution for the acceptance of this House, as Mr. Viswanathan Chetty was well known to one and all of you. Mr. Viswanathan Chetty was the foremost citizen of Nemmara for decades, and there are few who have had no occasion to receive his hospitality at Nemmara. He was a land-holder and a very energetic man who opened up the forest areas for plantations, etc. Mr. Chetty was a member of this Council, and he was the first President of the Town Council recently constituted at Nemmara. He belonged to an old family and succeeded in gaining the affection and regard both of officials and non-officials. A few years ago Mr. Viswanathan Chetty was mainly instrumental in capturing a notorious dacoit Sheikkannan, and he was awarded the highest distinction in His Highness' gift namely the *Veerasinkhala*. Thus in various walks of life he had contributed fully his share, both in public life and in other spheres. I am sure the House will agree with me in passing this condolence resolution unanimously and conveying our feelings of sorrow to his family.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): Sir, in the death of Mr. Viswanathan Chetty, our State as a whole and Nemmara in particular has suffered a great loss, and a void has been created in the public life of Nemmara which is impossible to fill up. Both on behalf of myself and my party I associate myself with all the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Minister and I wish the departed soul peace.

Mr. President: On behalf of the Chair I would like to associate myself with all that has been said by the Hon'ble Minister and the Hon'ble Member. I now request the House to stand up and pass this condolence resolution.

Motion carried, nem con, all the members standing, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.